

Approved Minutes

**Child Support Formula Standing Subcommittee**

March 12, 2002 Meeting  
held at SCAO, Lansing MI

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kent Weichmann, Roland Fancher, Hon. Michael Skinner, Patti Holden Terry Adams and Kim Lem

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ron Papke

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Bartels and Darla Brandon

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kent Weichmann at 1:36 p.m.

**2. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

a. Approval of the February 12, 2002 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Judge Skinner and Ms. Holden seconded.  
**Motion passed.**

b. Correspondence

The committee reviewed correspondence from Mr. Jerry Sauder regarding the formula manual. Mr. Adams suggested Mr. Bartels respond asking him if a non-custodial parent can continue to receive the dependent housing allowance, and if this is the situation in his case.

c. Public Comment None.

d. Guideline Review Project/Subcommittee Plans

Mr. Bartels will keep the subcommittee informed with a confirmed date for the Policy Studies Inc. presentation.

There has also been approval to put up a website for public comment on the formula.

e. Ex-Officio Members

Donald Reisig, Ingham County Friend of the Court, will be serving as an ex-officio member. Jeffrey Albaugh will not be an ex-officio member as discussed earlier.

### 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### a. Different Custody Arrangements for Children in a Family

Mr. Bartels provided the subcommittee a series of charts with various scenarios, days, and children and the data that goes with them for split custody and shared economic responsibility. The subcommittee will continue to explore this issue further.

#### Sample Language

Mr. Fancher will provide the subcommittee with draft language for review and comments at the next meeting.

#### b. Multiple Support Orders Involving the Same Parents

Mr. Fancher briefly discussed that in page 11 in the formula manual under Existing Support Orders new language should be added to clarify this issue. Draft language was provided to the subcommittee to review.

In lines one and four of the first paragraph on page 11, change the language to, “other than those of the parents in the case ...”

Add the following paragraph after the first paragraph on page 11, “Where there are multiple support cases involving the same parents, there shall be no deduction for other support orders for joint children of the parties in this case. Support for such joint children of the parties shall be calculated as though the support is to be paid in one case, and then pro-rated among the several cases.”

#### Sample Cases

There are no sample cases.

#### c. Shared Economic Responsibility-softening the cliff effect

Mr. Weichmann provided to the subcommittee charts and sample cases for their review. The examples in each case are the non-custodial parent making enough to have responsibility to pay \$100 per week and there are equal earnings between the parents with only one child involved. He also charted different approaches as the child spends more time with the non-custodial parent. For the first 52 days alternate weekends parenting time with no abatement, but anytime over that will account for 50% abatement for extended parenting time.

This issue has been tabled for the next meeting.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS     None.

### 5. CLOSING

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Child Support Formula Subcommittee is schedule for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at the State Court Administrative Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Brandon

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